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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1742

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Examiner: S. Kastler

Serial No.: 09/926,289

Filed: December 7, 2001

For: IMPROVED METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DEGASSING
AND SEPARATION OF INCLUSIONS IN A LIQUID
METAL BATH BY INJECTION OF GAS BUBBLES

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13,
2003, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add an abstract as appended hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer
of the subject matter thereof, and add the following new
claims: _____

17. (New) Device for the injection of gas bubbles into a
liquid metal contained in a treatment volume, comprising at

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